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In re application of:

Cech et al.

Application No.: 08/974,584

Filed: November 19, 1997

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Examiner: Toni R. Scheiner, Esq.

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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 30, 1998 for five (5) months, from October 30, 1998 to March 30, 1999. An appropriate response to the Election/Restriction Requirement Office Action in the form of a Response to Restriction Requirement is enclosed herewith.

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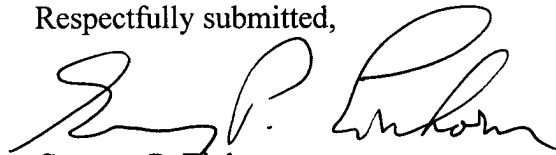
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Please charge the fee of \$1,850 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account.

This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory P. Einhorn', written in a cursive style.

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